

The broadcast flag is fundamentally undemocratic. It would limit distribution of content to preferred elite corporations and undermine access by the public to talk amongst themselves by sharing self-produced content online, outside the corporate bottleneck. It keeps the gatekeepers in power, and corporatizes and criminalizes free speech by independent individuals. Individual free speech is becoming more and more important in this world, and without it we will increasingly be subject to the rule of corporate Big Brothers. An authority is an authority whether or not it is a governmental entity or a corporate entity. True democracy must empower individuals and not just large power players. Might does not make right.

These corporations are mighty indeed. Genuine free speech is the most serious threat to their economic hegemony, and so of course they want to try to shut it off.

Please don't let them do it!